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University Police Notice

Northwest Missouri State University Police have received a report stating a student was sexually assaulted at about 3 a.m. at 555 West Ninth St. in Maryville. The assailant was described as being 5'7" in height, tanned, with acne on his face.

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Tau Kappa Epsilon's recent alleged sexual assault is the fifth assault associated with a Greek organization in the last year

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Five alleged sexual assaults have taken place in 2015 at Northwest, and the commonality of all five has been Greek Life.

Feb. 28 Northwest student and Tau Kappa Epsilon member Abraham Acosta allegedly raped a female at the TKE house.

March 14, events leading to an alleged rape at the 700 block of N. Mulberry reportedly began at the Delta Sigma Phi house.

Saturday, Sept. 19, two females reported they had been drugged at the Delta Sigma Phi house and sexually assaulted at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house.

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EDITORIAL

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Everyone, I challenge you to please inform me where the morals of the Greek community have gone.

The Northwest website, under the Office of Student Involvement Greek Life tab, it says: "For 80 years, Greek Life at Northwest has been filled with opportunities for members to make a positive and lasting impact on the campus community."

This has not been proven true so far this year. There have been multiple cases of alleged rape and reported cases of sexual assault at fraternity houses within the last calendar year.

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On Tuesday, Sept. 22, the Northwest Missouri State University Police Department received a report stating two students were sexually assaulted on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 530 W. Ninth Street. Neither victim has provided a description of the two unknown males. No additional details are available at this time.

In addition, University Police received a report that two female students reported drugs being placed in their drinks at 622 North Walnut.

At approximately 3:40 a.m. on Feb. 28, 2015, University Police received a report of a sexual assault that occurred at an off-campus location in the 500 block of West Ninth Street in Maryville. The Nodaway County Sheriff's Department is investigating.

Student campaigns for new city ordinance

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Junior Adam Nelson has proposed an amnesty ordinance for the city of Maryville that would allow intoxicated minors to call for help without the fear of receiving a minor in possession charge.

"It's ridiculous that you should be worried about calling for help because you don't want an MIP. If you think your friend is so drunk he or she needs medical attention, nothing should be stopping you from seeking help," Nelson said.

Nelson said that this is an avoidance policy. He wants to make sure there is something in place to avoid any situations in which someone could potentially lose his or her life or become extremely ill because others were too afraid to call for help.

Maryville has no amnesty policy or ordinance that legally shields minors if they call for help.

The university does have a policy in place for minors' protection, however Nelson said he does not believe it changes students' minds when they are faced with the decision of having to call for help or not.

"I don't like the campus policy," Nelson said. "It basically says the university won't punish you, but law enforcement could. I think at that point, people are just as afraid to call for help. I agree with having to talk to someone in the wellness center about alcohol abuse, but I don't think you should be charged. I think you should be cleared entirely of charges when you call for help. Nobody should be afraid to call for help for a friend because he or she is afraid of an MIP charge."

The university amnesty policy states that the provision of amnesty only applies to initial incidents. Subsequent violations are not guaranteed amnesty from conduct charges and punitive sanctions. In rare cases, where there are egregious violations of alcohol and drug policies, the university reserves the right to adjudicate students on initial incidents.

Nelson first brought this idea to one of his teachers, Professor of Political Science Brian Hesse.

"I think it is a fantastic proposal and it came from a very sincere place. He has the safety of his fellow students in mind. And it's not to duck the law, it's to allow people to

look after each other in a responsible way. The fact that he lives in Nebraska, goes to school in Missouri and wants to bring positive change to a place that isn't even his home state, I was just very impressed with how well he had thought through everything and how he had examples of legislation from other parts of the country he wants to have here," Hesse said.

Nelson believes that in order for the ordinance to become successful and make any sort of impact, there would have to be student outreach and involvement.

"I feel like passing the law isn't enough in itself because it's more to get that idea of, 'I'll just let my friend sleep it out so we don't get an MIP' out of people's heads. If they don't call, it's because they don't know. If we do have a policy, it's important to know that policy exists, to know they won't get in trouble for calling for help."

With the amnesty ordinance proposal, some might believe the purpose is to bail minors out when it comes to run ins with the law. Hesse explained that the ordinance is not to help minors escape punishment

in cases of other crimes, but to help those who are in danger.

"As I understand it, the policy in Nebraska if there is an alcohol incident that is related with some other potentially criminal act like sexual assault, there is no legal coverage of that. It's about the safety of the individual in regards to alcohol, not potential criminals escaping punishment," Hesse said.

Nelson said he feels this is even a better approach to underage drinking in Maryville.

"No matter what, people are going to drink and it's the people who are going to drink that need this law passed. I don't think it encourages drinking, I don't think that's the problem, I think it's just for the people who are going to drink no matter what they're told. Our university does a good job of explaining the dangers of drinking already, but people still drink anyway. So I think life is more important than a \$100 MIP ticket," Nelson said.

Hesse said he thinks that the policy has great potential to pass locally and even expand statewide.

"The fact that other cities have these policies is a very positive



ADAM NELSON

thing," Hesse said. "All the evidence indicates that these are very smart policies that don't increase binge drinking rates or the number of minors that drink, but that does lead to fewer people dying or being hospitalized because nobody hesitates to call for help. Adam has a wealth of information showing that is the case in every level of government where this has been enacted. Abuse doesn't happen because of these policies, but lives get saved because of them."

MHS athletic director resigns, surprises school

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The search for a new athletic director for Maryville High School is underway following an abrupt resignation.

After two years of teaching and two years as athletic director, Jason Kruz has decided to step down from his position. Kruz said while this decision was difficult, he felt it was the one he needed to make.

"It's just time to move to a different opportunity," Kruz said. "I have the opportunity to go out there and do things and while I have enjoyed my time here, it's not something I can see myself doing for the next 25 years. At this point in my career, I feel like it's a good time

to make a change... I need to find something I truly love to do and I have gotten to the point, in this position, where that isn't the case anymore. It's a good time to pursue something different that I will enjoy more."

Kruz said he is sure about the decision he is making, but did not make it lightly.

"It was a very difficult decision," Kruz said. "This is the only place I've worked. It's where I got my first teaching job and my first coaching job. It was a tough decision. I'm going to miss a lot of the people and the community. I've really enjoyed my time here. So, yes, it was a very difficult decision, but it's one that I am comfortable with."

Maryville High School Principal

Thom Alvarez said he knew when Kruz came to him with this decision there was no convincing him otherwise.

"He was pretty set (on going)," Alvarez said. "I've known Jason for some time and I know he doesn't make decisions by the seat of his pants. He really thinks them through and thinks about them from all angles. So, I knew when he was coming to me with this decision that he was pretty set. There are some good reasons for this decision, so I'm happy for him in those regards."

While he does not yet have a job offer somewhere else, Kruz said he was optimistic. He intends to move to the Kansas City, Missouri area and pursue a career in finance. Kruz said he is prepared to move forward.

"It's exciting, but it will be a new challenge," Kruz said. "I have to do some studying and pass different tests and things of that nature, but it will be a good challenge."

This decision was one Kruz said he took time to make. However, it was still a shock to the Maryville community.

"Yes it was (a surprise)," Alvarez said. "I was one of the first people he told. He told me about a month before the board meeting that he brought it up at. I think there were a lot of people that were shocked, but they realize he's a young man, he's got a lot of plans and stuff like that. People move on from schools, especially to go to big cities, a lot. So it wasn't too out of the realm."

Alvarez said the difficulty now is finding a candidate that can properly replace Kruz.

"It's going to be really hard to replace Jason. He's done an excellent job and has a really good connection with the kids and the coaches. It's going to be difficult to fill his shoes, but we're going to post the

position in the next couple of weeks and start the search that way."

As far as the search itself goes, Alvarez said he is open to many options.

"We're going to open up the position and all that are interested can apply," Alvarez said. "There may be an in-house candidate or two that will throw their hat in the ring, but we are also going to open it up to the general public as well. It's a big job, it's demanding, and we want to make sure we get the best person."

Alvarez said this quick of a turnover for the position is pretty rare, but so was someone Kruz's age getting the job. He said because of this, he has no concerns regarding the longevity of the position.

"I think this was a timing situation," Alvarez said. "I think he has got some other avenues that are important to him and he wants to take those. Prior to that, we've never had this issue. I just think this happened to be specific to this situation. So, no, I have no worries about the longevity of this position."

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Religious debate draws crowd, creates questions

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Christians and Atheists alike got together in one room for a debate the truths of their own truths of beliefs.

The debate was led by President of Secular Bearcats, Atheist Ryan Lanman and President of Newman Catholic Center Max Pawlowski, two people with conflicting point of views, but who are actually best friends.

Both Ryan and Max had fifteen minutes each to answer questions presented to them by each other or the large audience. With the house close to being packed with 200 people and well over 900 viewers watching over the Internet, there was no shortage of questions presented to the debaters.

Northwest student and football player, Trevor Nashleana was the first to step up to the microphone and ask a question. He told a short story about his coach using extreme exercise methods to discipline the players.

In Nashleana's story, one person was expected to be punished, however, he was not the to be one punished, it was his team. Tying this into the question, Trevor asked could an entire religion or religious group be judged if one of them were to act out.

Lanman was quick to acknowledge that the coach's decision was just, but a religion itself or group of people cannot be judged based on one person alone.

"I felt like my question was answered well. He really clarified on the thesis and diesis," Nashleana said.

Pawlowski was asked several question about the ideas of Christianity. Student Ethan Moss was one



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of the inquirers. He begged the question, how can an all knowing and all powerful God not break open the unlockable gates of Hell and set everyone free.

"He answered how perhaps he can or can't do it, but he won't do it. He said that it's their own actions that got them sent there, not God himself. I think my question was answered alright." Moss said.

The majority of Pawlowski's answers reflected that Jesus was in-

deed a real person with the New Testament as proof. Pawlowski also spoke about how God allows free will in people.

Lanman's answer was that life has meaning not because of an afterlife, but that death itself makes others appreciate it.

The friendship between the debaters was evident as they were able to build off each other's questions and answer anything directed at them with a smile or small laugh.

"I think when we once started, we didn't think so many people would come. We felt the momentum coming, and it wasn't too surprising. It was very refreshing to see so many people interested," Pawlowski said.

On both sides, people with different thoughts on religion, agree on how the debate went.

"It went excellent. It was very well conducted. Questions were directed in a timely manner. I don't

think it was heavy Ryan time or Max time, so very well distributed. It was conducted very well, the flow was perfect. I didn't feel nervous about saying something, or how I wanted to say it. Everything went perfectly," Lanman.

With the success of the debate, Pawlowski and Lanman are hoping to hold more discussions regarding a variety of topics that swim around the controversial pool.

Blotters for the week of Nov. 5

Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

Oct. 26

There is an open case on a terrorist threat made in Mable Cook.

There was a drug violation at Franken Hall.

Oct. 27

There is an open case for stealing at Lot 32.

Oct. 28

There was a report of theft at the Student Union.

Oct. 29

There was a report of stealing in an unknown location.

There is an open case on dating violence in an unknown location.

Oct. 31

There was a liquor law violation at Millikan Hall.

There was a liquor law violation at Millikan Hall.

There were two drug law violations at Franken Hall.

There were 14 liquor law violations at Lot 10.

Nov. 1

There was a liquor law violation at Hudson Hall.

There were three liquor law violations at Lot 10.

There was a liquor law violation at Perrin Hall.

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There is an open case of rape at 555 West 9th Street.

Maryville Department of Public Safety

Oct. 25

A summons has been issued to **Nagaraju Saripally** for driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain right half of roadway at the 200 block North Walnut.

Oct. 30

A summons has been issued to **Samantha Snodgrass** for minor in possession and false information to a Public Safety Officer at the 400 block of North Main.

Nov. 1

A summons has been issued

to **Cheyenne Cash** for minor in possession at 900 block of East Seventh Street.

A summons has been issued to **Cameron Teel** for resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, and minor in possession at the 1200 block of North College Drive.

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It is time for Greeks to make a change

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Editor in Chief

I would like to preface this by saying I am Greek. I am proud to be Greek, I love being Greek and I want to see the Greek community thrive.

It is not my goal, nor is it the goal of the Missourian, to put the nail in the coffin of Greek Life unjustly.

That being said, fraternity and sorority life across the nation, including our own campus, is in danger of disappearing, and our biggest enemies happen to also be wearing letters.

Here is the fact, my fellow brothers and sisters: we have had five Greek-related sexual assaults in the last year. Five women have had their lives changed dramatically and could potentially never be the same.

We can talk all day about how we serve the community. We can hold as many kickball and volleyball tournaments in the name of what-

ever charitable cause we want, but that does not change that five people's lives have been ruined on our watch. If you read that and your first instinct is to think about protecting Greek Life, I'm sorry, but I'm not sure you quite grasp the concept of humanity.

Now, like I said before, I love being Greek and I believe these organizations have great potential to help their members grow and better the community. I do not want to see Greek Life disappear.

However, with five sexual assaults in fewer than 12 months having the Greek name associated with them, it would be optimistic to think I, as a sophomore, would not see the end of the Greeks before my time is done at Northwest. If we do not make some sort of change, we will not survive.

We have made efforts to fix our culture through Title-IX training, It's On Us and consent seminars, and soon we will assuredly see ourselves at the forefront of the Green Dot initiative.

However, it is apparently impossible to get each one of the 1,000 members of Greek Life to un-

derstand what consent means. No amount of colorful slogans or online pledges will be able to make this problem vanish.

It is time we make actual change. It is time we take some sort of action.

The University is doing all it can to help create a culture of bystander intervention, and yet we have still seen three sexual assaults in this semester alone. It is not up to the University any more. It is up to IFC, to Panhel, to Student Affairs, to all of the governing bodies in charge of Greek Life to stop being reactive and start being proactive.

Each one of these organizations have a myriad of bylaws and policies that are in place to protect the safety of those they govern. However, these are never enforced until after something big like a sexual assault happens. That should not be the case. Fraternities and sororities should not be allowed to get away with breaking the rules just because nothing bad has happened yet. These governing bodies need to be willing to enforce the rules they have outlined.

Allow me to provide you with an

example. One rule the Greek Judicial Code states organizations must register "events" hosted at their chapter houses and provide a list of people that would be allowed into the houses. That number is limited to two guests per member. Anyone else attempting to get into the party is supposed to be turned away. However, it is commonly known that to get into a fraternity party you have to simply be a woman or be a man willing to pay an entry fee. This blatant disregard for the rules and lack of action by those who are supposed to enforce them is what is fostering this broken culture we see today.

I will say again, despite what many of my fellow Greeks think, I am not here to condemn Greek Life to death. I do not want to see this community disappear. That is why I believe we need to make a change, and that change has to start at the top. It is time for us to hold ourselves accountable to the rules in place. And most of all, brothers and sisters, it is time for us to stop playing victims. We are not victims. The only victims here are those five women who were simply looking for a nice night out.

CULTURE CONTINUED FROM A1

The incident that occurred Sunday morning was the second incident at the TKE house within the last year and at least the fifth incident to happen this year involving Greek life.

Somewhere along the way, things got very messed up in the Greek community. Not just locally, but nationally, fraternities have been in trouble lately for multiple reasons, many revolving around being disrespectful to women. I am not and never have been a part of fraternity life, but I know that it is trying to achieve this goal of turning boys into respectful, responsible men. But we have not been seeing that recently.

I will say, not all fraternity members are the guys constantly accused of harassing and raping girls, but as soon as it does happen, everyone has this idea that you are guilty by association. The Greek community has to start making changes, turning these organizations into what they were supposed to be. The more these incidents go unpunished, the more invincible the fraternity feels. If five alleged cases have been brought up, there need to be changes made to these organizations.

At some point, the national branch needs to be involved, the leaders need to get involved and the big changes need to be made.

Greeks can not go on without major consequences for their actions. Either make the changes to Greek life to make them a decent, profitable organization, or get rid of

them all together. As a leader, they need to step up and lead by example, or the fraternity will go on believing it is all OK. They are making a bad name for themselves and proving the stereotype to be fact.

People just accept the stereotype and are so used to it that they believe things like drugging girls, sexual assault and rape are staples in fraternities.

But stereotype or not, there is no reason anyone should accept something like sexual assault or rape happening to anyone for any reason.

In reference to the article printed on A1, girls are actually afraid to go to these parties because of the things they have heard or even experienced. If they do go, they will take a group of people with them to feel safer.

One girl in the article said she

experienced several members of a fraternity pressuring her friend to "lighten up" causing her and her friend to be afraid and leave. She also said she feels that fraternity parties are actually dangerous. That is not the type of atmosphere that should be created by such a supposedly virtuous and morally sound organization.

Instead of accepting the whole "boys will be boys" notion, make the changes, improve the organization and improve the lives of everyone the organization affects.

If the members of fraternities such as Tau Kappa Epsilon are so set on the "mission to aid men in their mental, moral and social development for life," then why are these repeated offenses being tolerated?

First off, that mission statement claims to aid men, but this is not the

work of a man. If you can not even teach those cowards to be men, how are we supposed to teach them to have any morals?

Second, morals and community service are not the first thing that people think of when they hear a conversation concerning Greek life.

Most the time, the first thoughts to pop in your head when discussing this topic include raging parties and sexual assault.

Where did this culture go so wrong?

They went from respectable organizations that raise money and teach young men how to become responsible adults to organizations that turn a blind eye to criminal activity.

It is making the university look bad, and it makes other innocent members of Greek life look bad.

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ASSAULT

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And most recently, Sunday, Nov. 1, a female reported she was sexually assaulted at the TKE house.

According to the University Police notice sent to the campus community Sunday afternoon, University Police received a report stating a student was sexually assaulted at about 3 a.m. at 555 West Ninth St., the address of the TKE House adjacent to campus.

The assailant was described as being 5'7" in height, tanned, with acne on his face. Maryville Public Safety said it could not release the incident report because the perpetrator has not yet been identified.

The case has been handed over to Maryville Public Safety, and there is an ongoing investigation.

Following the reported rape, the Delta-Nu chapter of TKE responded with the following statement.

"Tau Kappa Epsilon was alerted to the alleged issue early this morning. Since then, we have been partnering with Northwest Missouri State University officials and local authorities. The Delta-Nu chapter of TKE has been and will continue to fully cooperate with the investigation," Chief Information Officer Alex Baker said.

Robert Rice, the prosecuting attorney for Nodaway County, said he believes the students in these organizations need to change their ways and practices.

"You look into the factors of what led up to the evening, and at the end of the day you'll have one person's word over the other - he said, she said - a lot of time you do not have enough evidence," Rice said. "But that does not change that it's wrong and doesn't change number of times it happens. Stop binge drinking, stop the practice of taking people into your residence, allowing them to drink until they black out and then taking advantage of them. They are human beings. It makes me so mad that we are more interested in sex than human beings."

Students have also spoken out about Greek Life, pointing out issues they see in fraternities at Northwest. Sophomore Lindsey Donaldson believes there are several issues surrounding Northwest fraternities that present dangers.

"I think there are issues (with

pressuring and drugging girls and even sexual assault), and it is partially because so many people just accept it as how fraternities are. There should be more consequences, both on the student's part and on the university's part," Donaldson said.

Junior Kasie Pote also spoke out following the recent sexual assaults.

"I want to believe that the fraternities here seek no harm to women and won't do anything to ruin our trust... I do believe the boys have a good heart, but I don't believe they are getting the consequences they deserve for the actions that have taken place. I don't know what has happened to the fraternities that have been involved, but obviously nothing too serious. They're still a stable fraternity on campus and are able to

call themselves an organization at Northwest," Pote said.

Vice President of Student Affairs Matt Baker explained how situations such as sexual assault are difficult to handle. Different facets of the incident require a specific reaction. But first, Baker said, it is important to know the facts.

"Alfred Murrah had a famous quote in law. His quote was, 'Hear the case before you decide it'. So, I understand the call for justice and action. But I also understand that before we know what happens, it would be unfair to say what should happen," Baker said. "On the other side of the coin, if the same address is seen again and again in allegations, that definitely impacts where we go. That is certainly a factor that

has to be considered by myself, the university, the Board of Regents. All of those factors have to consider a pattern, if there is a pattern."

With two rape cases unfolding at TKE and two sexual assault cases taking place or beginning at Delta Sigma Phi, Rice said he already sees the repetitive pattern taking place.

"It's the same conduct, it's the same destructive, dangerous behavior where, at the end of the day, regardless of whether a criminal charge got filled, people got hurt. People got hurt at the same locations in the same circumstances," Rice said.

TKE's recent sexual assault coupled with the fact that it is now a repeated issue has made them the main focus of the sexual assault is-

sue. Donaldson came forward with a testimonial about a time she had to intervene in a situation in which her friend felt unsafe at the TKE house.

"Last year my roommate got into an awkward situation with a TKE guy who would not leave her alone. His friends were even helping, trying to pressure her to 'lighten up'. I actually had to go get her. I haven't been to a frat party since... I just wouldn't ever want to put myself or my friends in a situation that could be dangerous," Donaldson said.

However, questions have been raised about the leaders of such organizations and whether they are willing to lead by example, or if Greek Life at Northwest exists in a culture where members do not find following regulations necessary.

Baker said he believes the issue is in the severity of the rules placed on these organizations and the members' willingness to follow the rules as expected.

"Part of the problem is the rules are very tight, and I think people who want to go to the parties think they are too tight. The problem is if they're not too tight, bad things happen. This is where leaders of the organizations have to say, 'I am responsible to uphold the policies of this organization' and I don't think we have a culture in which people want to do that," Baker said.

Baker continued explaining that the responsibility does not only fall on the organization's leaders, but on the members as well.

"This may be unpopular and I may get in trouble if you print this, but Greek Life, Student Involvement, Student Affairs, Title-IX, the University all do everything we can, but at some point students have to hold each other accountable. I can place all the policies I want to... that doesn't mean I'll stop it. We have to change the culture where people think this is OK. And I don't think it's a simple answer. If it was, we would have solved this 20 years ago," Baker said.

Rice concluded with the same opinions as Baker.

"Whether I can prove a case in a court of law or not, someone was hurt in a recurring location, and that pisses me off. It's time we have some serious self reflection and stop doing this. And it's not just the university- it's the students too," Rice said. "Enough is enough."

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Apple released its new Apple TV. The new device now has an app option allowing it to become a gaming platform. The company has also redesigned the Apple TV remote for easier usability compared to the previous model.



It was announced that the Hunger Games franchise will soon have a theme park adaptation similar to that of Hogwarts at Universal Studios. The final movie of the franchise will also be released this month Nov. 20.



Sia announced the release of her new album "Alive" and released her first single. The album will be released Jan. 29.

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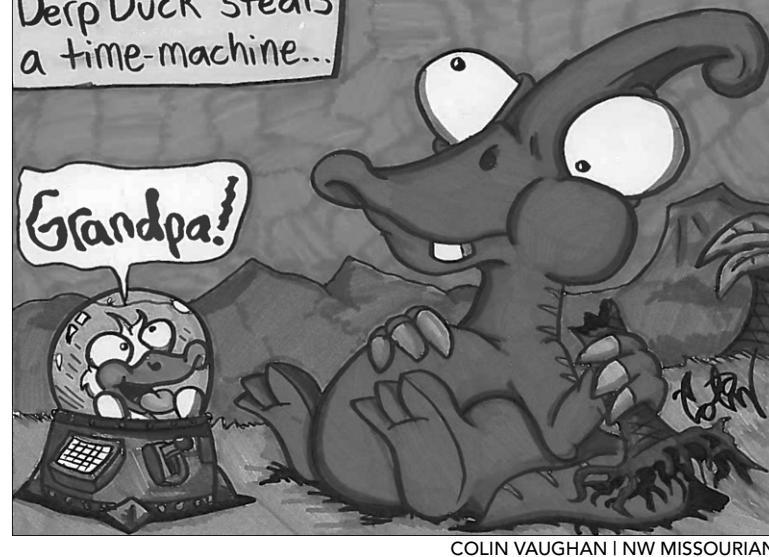
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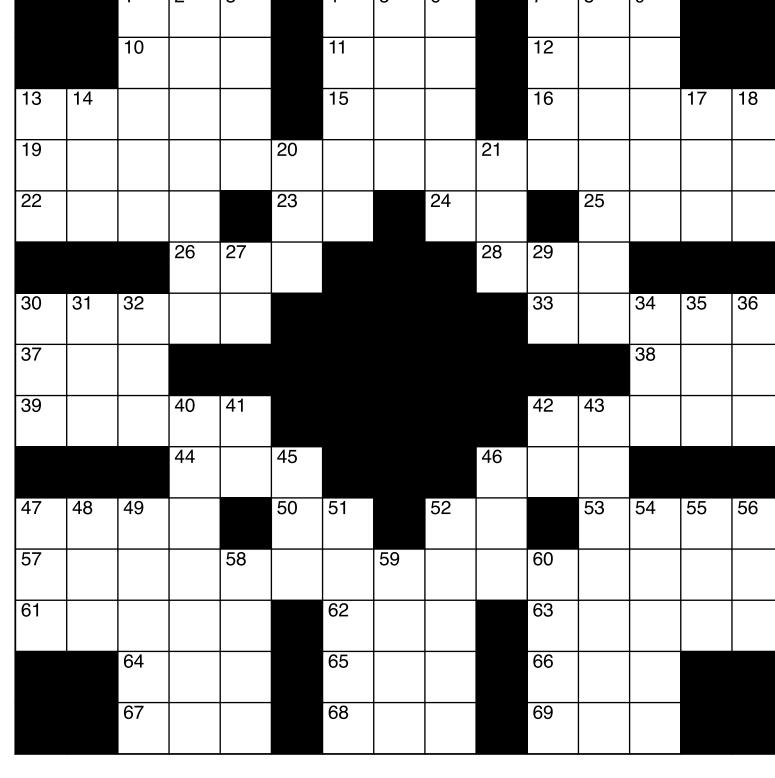
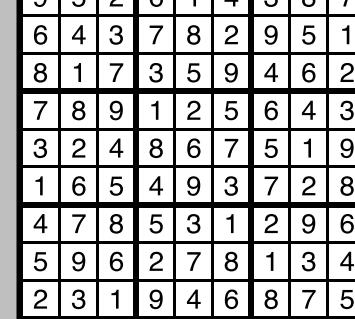
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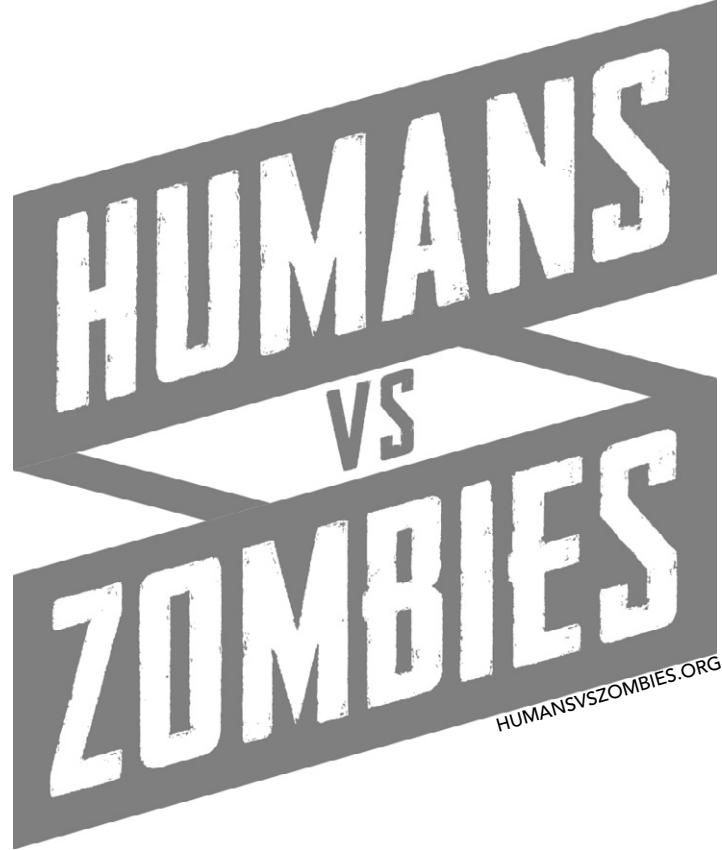
Clues Across

1. Cronkite's network
4. Fire insect
7. Gas usage measurement
10. Express pleasure
11. Humbug
12. Every
13. Capital is Valletta
15. Copycat
16. Bound book sheets
19. Steps to an upper floor
22. Local school organizations
23. Old English
24. Atomic #73
25. Cheerless
26. The bill in a restaurant
28. Singer ___ Lo Green
30. Domesticated
33. Mammary gland of a cow
37. Honorable title (Turkish)
38. Alias
39. Emblem of a clan
42. Edouard __, Fr. painter
44. Short-term memory
46. Used to speak to the Queen
47. Vertical spar for sails
50. Expresses surprise
52. Morning
53. A long narrative poem
57. Minor punishment
61. Ice or roller
62. GE founder's initials
63. Moses' elder brother
64. Beak
65. A major division of geological time
66. Fuss & bother
67. Young women's association
68. Feeling sorrow
69. Straggle

7. Make ale
8. Begged
9. White of egg
13. Road travel guide
14. Aircraft tail
17. Italian monk title
18. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
20. Goblin
21. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
27. Date
29. I, Portuguese
30. Design on the skin
31. Time before
32. Free from gloss
34. V.P. Quayle
35. Supplement with difficulty
36. Tell on
40. Landed properties
41. Metric ton
42. One thousandth of an ampere
43. Former ___ Hess, oil company
45. Siemens conductance unit
46. Woman (French)
47. More (Spanish)
48. Request
49. Group jargon
51. Stakes
52. In advance
54. Yiddish meat pie
55. Equal, prefix
56. Box (abbr.)
58. Having nine hinged bands of bony plates
59. Scarlett's home
60. S. branch of the Lower Rhine

**SOLUTIONS**
Oct. 29**Clues Down**

1. Bog arum lily
2. Thin plain-weave cotton fabric
3. Thick rough piled carpet
4. A way to lessen
5. Amazon river tributary
6. Larceny



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Humans vs. Zombies returned to Northwest this week Wednesday, Nov. 4.

The war returns, Humans vs. Zombies battle again

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Halloween may be over, but the fun has yet to die. Humans vs. Zombies (HvZ) will once again return to the Northwest campus this month.

In 2005, HvZ began at Goucher college and has received national praise for the game and has been adapted to colleges all across the country.

According to the Northwest HvZ president Dillon Esprey, the event has around 100 players per game each semester.

"During my first semester at Northwest, I found HvZ at the organization fair and played in the game with a few friends and had a great time," Esprey said. "Every year I have participated I have had a great experience. This is my third year being involved with HvZ and I have been on the executive board for about 3 semesters now."

According to the official HvZ website, the game is played worldwide in every continent except Antarctica. Essential HvZ is a game of tag with all players beginning as humans and one player who is chosen to be the original zombie.

Once a player becomes a zombie, he or she must tag and "eat" a human player every 48 hours or starve to death, hence losing the game.

The zombies win by tagging all the humans and the humans win by starving out the zombie

players.

Junior Sarah Bandy serves as the organization's Public Relations chair and this will be her third semester participating.

"A lot of my friends enjoyed the game, so I started playing it and also liked it. My experience with photography led to the public relations position on the executive board," Bandy said.

One of the main concerns with this type of game is safety, not only for the players but the students traveling across campus as well. In recent years, students have seen the tell tale sign of HvZ which include orange headbands and small blasters.

The equipment used to tag the other teams consists of either dart guns, marshmallow blasters or socks. These are used to ensure that players are not injured when being tagged.

The rules also designate no play zones where players cannot be tagged and blasters must be concealed. These places include bathrooms, health centers, libraries, indoor athletic facilities and academic buildings.

"To join the game, the main requirement is to attend one safety meeting per semester," Bandy said. "The safety meeting tells the rules of the game, ensures the players stay safe and walks them through the game process."

All rules are listed on the official website. In

order to identify which players are humans or zombies, the orange headbands are the indicators. If the band is worn around the arm or leg that player is a human. If the band is around the head that player is a zombie.

According to Bandy, traditionally, zombies have won the game, however, the past few semesters have resulted in human victories.

HvZ had developed an international fan base and has gained recognition from major media outlets such as National Public Radio, the New York Times, the Washington Post and The Colbert Report.

HvZ has come to Northwest once again this semester and began its first round Wednesday Nov. 4. Not only is the game a fun activity, but it is a much needed break from college. Students are able to take a step back from their course work and relieve stress.

"It's free, you know. And it's freeing too. Phenomenally freeing. You don't have to be a kid to play. You don't have to be in elementary school or even high school or college even. Call it team building. Call it community building. Play in the park, in the playground, in a corporate plaza, a senior center, an office building, in hospital corridors, in the neighborhood. It transforms the world. It's awesome fun," Video Game Developer Bernie Dekoven said on the official HvZ website.

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Common Ground marches toward equality

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Whether it is racial, gender or sexual equality, the fight for equal rights has been a long running battle. While efforts still continue, it is hard to remain optimistic when there is still so much wrong after so much work.

However, despite the discouragement, there are still those who fight for equal rights for all people. Northwest has a campus organization called Common Ground that is dedicated to promoting equality.

Common Ground is a group that aligns LGBTQ+ students with heterosexual students to work together to create awareness of equality. To encourage awareness, the organization held a Pride March.

A group of students and faculty marched from the Belltower to the Pavilion holding signs that illuminate the existing sexual inequality Oct. 29.

President of Common Ground Korbin Jones led the march as well as several chants to keep the march going strong and gain attention.

"It's more than sexual equality. It's also gender and romantic equality," Jones said. "There are many goals because we still have a long way to go. Trans people should be able to use whatever bathroom they feel comfortable with... Queer con-



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Common Ground's pride march went from the Bell Tower to the pavilion.

version therapy should be banned because it is nothing but abuse. Laws should be created in order to stop LGBT+ people from being fired

due to their identities."

Sophomore Brittany Coppock is the event coordinator for the group and she emphasized the importance

of the "allied community" or the "heterosexual community."

"(The allied community) helps our voice," Coppock said. "As a sexual and gender minority, we have to reach out to the majority for us to get anywhere. By showing that there is an alliance between us, we can hopefully start swaying the minds of the majority."

Coppock offers an interesting perspective on people who oppose the Pride March or sexual equality in general.

"Most people are not homophobic," Coppock said. "Most people are just not educated on the LGBTQ+ community and what we stand for."

Freshman JaRon Shelton also attended at the Pride March.

Shelton first heard of a Gay-Straight alliance through a friend that attended UMKC and looked for a similar organization at Northwest. That is how he found Common Ground and the Pride March.

"I hope that we get more support than we think we are," Shelton said. "People are becoming more open minded about different things and different people. I want to show people that there are different people in the world. Some people might not have even known I was gay, but they can see that I am just a normal person and these people are just nor-

mal people."

Provost Timothy Mottet, Ph.D., followed the march all the way to the Pavilion.

"I wanted to show support for this group," Mottet said. "I am a member of this group and I wanted them to know they had the support of the administration of the university."

When Mottet was a student at Northwest in the '80s, Common Ground did not exist. However, he claims that the success of the growing sexual equality derives from members of Common Ground and those willing to stand up for what they believe in.

Jones and the Provost agree that this march and events like it keeps the LGBTQ+ agenda on the table and furthers discussion on how we can make equality for everyone happen.

"We are not invisible. We are all around," Mottet said. "What is important is knowing that this group has identified (its sexual orientation) and there are a lot of other students who are a part of Northwest who are still in the process of that discovery. Something like this, allows them to know that this is an accepting university and they can come to terms with who they are as an individual."

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Okay, soapbox speech is officially over. Go back to your squirrel stories.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Alternative Press tour returns after recent hiatus

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At the second annual "Alternative Press Music Awards" in July, Alternative Press Magazine announced the revival of its "Alternative Press Tour."

The fall tour includes 29 stops in the United States and one in Toronto, Canada. Des Moines, Iowa, and Lawrence, Kansas were the two shows closest to the Northwest campus.

Four bands were included in the tour's lineup: As It Is, This Wild Life, Real Friends and Mayday Parade as the headlining band.

As It Is was formed in 2012 in England. The pop-punk group released its debut album, "Never Happy Ever After" in April with Fearless Records.

This Wild Life comes from California. The group originally started out as a full band in the pop-

punk genre before changing to just two acoustic guitars, but keeping the pop-punk sound. The duo gained recognition in 2013 for its acoustic cover of Bring Me the Horizon's "Sleepwalking."

Real Friends is a band from the suburbs of Chicago. The quintet combines the fast upbeat sounds of pop-punk with emo lyrics. The group has released seven extended plays and one studio album in 2014.

Headlining the show is Mayday Parade. The Florida natives just released their fifth studio album "Black Lines" in early October.

The Oct. 30 show at Wooly's in Des Moines was sold out. The Halloween show was at The Granada Theater in Lawrence, Kansas.

As It Is started the show both nights by being welcomed to stage with different theme songs. The first night began with the theme song from the Disney cartoon, "Recess." For the Halloween show, the

band dressed up as characters from "The Wizard of Oz" and came out to "We're Off to See The Wizard." The group brought high energy to start the show. Lead singer, Patty Walters said it was his band's job to get the crowd ready for the other groups performing.

After As It Is, This Wild Life came on stage. For both shows, the duo came out in "Ghostbusters" costumes and opened its set with the theme song from the movie. This Wild Life went on to play its cover of "Sleepwalking" during its set as well.

Vocalist Kevin Jordan introduced the song "No More Bad Days" by explaining that it was written for his mother during her battle with cancer. For the song, he asked the crowd to shine their cellphone lights.

The set ended with Anthony Del Grosso switching from guitar to drums to finish out the song "Concrete." The switch helped bring the energy up to leave the set on a high

note.

Next up was the self proclaimed "Illinois Sad Boys." The band all dressed up for Halloween in various costumes including vocalist Dan Lampton as "MacGruber" from the popular "Saturday Night Live" skit.

Real Friends opened up with "Cover You Up" off its debut album, "Maybe This Place Is The Same and We're Just Changing." The band played all its songs with high emotion.

After all three openers played, it was time for Mayday Parade to play. Playing along with the Halloween theme, the band dressed up in random costumes as well, with guitarist Alex Garcia as "Zorro."

The set started off with one of the singles from the new album, "One of Them Will Destroy the Other." The song had a guest spot with Dan from Real Friends coming out to sing with the band.

Mayday played various songs from its catalog. Songs off the new

album were played with older songs like "Jamie All Over" and "Oh Well, Oh Well."

Halfway through the set, the band slowed the set down with three acoustic tracks, including the emotional track, "Terrible Things."

Towards the end of the show, a piano came out for lead singer Derek Sanders to play. With the piano, Sanders and the drummer, Jake Bundrick performed the band's most popular song, "Miserable at Best."

The song ended with Bundrick and Sanders leaving the stage and letting the crowd finish the vocals for the song before the band returned for the encore. The show finished with Mayday Parade playing the song "Jersey" from its debut album.

The four bands all brought high energy to the sets both nights. The backdrop for Real Friends during its set described the concerts perfectly with "Wow, What a Great Day."

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Hounds face familiar foe in district title

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A pair of high-powered running teams are set to clash for a district championship and only one can advance to the playoffs.

The Richmond Spartans (7-4) prepare for a showdown against the Maryville Spoofhounds (11-0), where the Spoofhounds have a chance to win their fourth straight Class 3 District 8 Championship at 7 p.m. Friday, at the Hound Pound.

Senior running back Dakota Beemer said the team is looking at the district championship as just another game.

"It is going to be a big game because it is the district championship," Beemer said. "We are just looking at it one game at a time. They have kicked us out of the playoffs in the past, so it is definitely go-

ing to be a turning point."

Last week, Maryville averaged more than eight yards-per-play in its 48-6 victory over Lincoln Col-lege Prep.

The Spoofhounds held the Blue Tigers to 25 percent on their third-down conversion opportunities. In the first two games of districts, the defense has only allowed a total of 12 points in the tournament.

Last week's win for Richmond was not as easy. The Spartans beat the Chillicothe Hornets 38-37 in overtime on the road.

A Chillicothe field goal gave the Hornets a 31-28 lead with 1:22 left to play in the fourth quarter. Richmond drove 60 yards to tie the game up at 31-31 with a field goal as time expired.

The Spartans scored a rushing touchdown on their first possession of overtime to go ahead 38-31.

The Hornets responded with their own touchdown on the next

possession, but missed the extra-point wide left to give Richmond a spot in the district championship.

Richmond heads to Maryville riding a six-game win streak. The Blue Tigers are outscoring opponents 245-93 during that span.

Head coach Matt Webb said the team needs to begin the game with a

"It is extremely important to get out on a fast start," Webb said. "They are an excellent football team. I think they will be the best skill set we have seen all year. It is going to be extremely critical to get out to a fast start."

The Spoofhounds focus in practice this week will be to make sure everyone is on the same page all the time.

"We need to clean up communication," Beemer said. "After that, we're going to have to get way more physical. Looking at film, Richmond is very physical. If we win the day

every practice, then we are going to be better off on Friday night."

The Spoofhounds will try to take advantage of the fact that the Spartans starters play both sides of the ball.

Beemer said on offense they need to stay on the field to wear down Richmond.

"They have a lot of players that play on offense and defense just like we do," Beemer said. "So if we keep them out on the field that will help us out a lot. Our offensive line needs to keep pushing them forward."

Both teams have relied on the ground game to set up the pass. The Spoofhounds average 281 yards rushing-per-game while the Spartans average 201 yards this season.

"We need to play fundamental football. It is playoff time for a district championship," Webb said. "Both teams know their schemes and run fits. They know what they need to do to get leverage. It is about

effort and attitude for us."

Richmond has been able to get the best of Maryville in recent years.

The Spartans knocked the Spoofhounds out of the district tournament twice since 2010.

In 2010, Richmond beat Maryville 21-14 on its way to a state championship. And again in 2011, the Spartans won 21-2, where they lost in the semi-finals. Both losses came at Richmond.

This year, the Spoofhounds come into the game as the favorite. Webb said the Spartans will certainly be up for the challenge.

"They have a very proud tradition. They certainly understand how to beat Maryville. They will not be intimidated to come up to Maryville. They know the challenge ahead of them. What are they doing good now? I think they are doing everything good now, and they have gotten better every game."

ROYALS

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Every member of that 2011 Omaha Stormchasers team other than Paulo Orlando would make the jump to the majors to join the Royals for the 2012 baseball season. The ultimate blueprint Dayton Moore started six years prior for the major league team was slowly being built on. With the team being so young without a veteran leader, the Royals still did not have what it took to form a championship team. Trades were made to bring in veterans. This began with a trade for Jeremy Guthrie in the middle of the 2012 season. The Royals would still finish 2012 with a losing record of 72-91.

That offseason, one of the most controversial trades in Royals history was made. The Royals traded top prospects Wil Myers and Jake Odorizzi away to Tampa Bay for two pitchers, James Shields and Wade Davis. The performance of the pitchers had not been the best that season. Royals fans were skeptical, but Dayton Moore knew this was better for the organization.

The 2013 season started off with the same losing culture Kansas City had witnessed since 1985. The Royals sat six games under .500 at the All-Star break with a record of 43-49. Royals fans were frustrated with the losses. Following the All-Star break, the competitive form of the Royals began to take shape with a 9-game winning streak. The team continued to win for periods of time with losses in between, finding the

team in consideration for a wild card spot, something they would not grasp that season. This left the Royals unsatisfied.

The Royals came back with a tone of unfinished business in 2014. The Royals began to provide some of the best baseball Kansas City had seen since 1985.

The Royals sat just two games back from leading the American League Central at the All-Star Break with a winning record of 48-46. If Kansas City was going to win the division, it needed to be hot for the second half of the season. The team did just that as it developed a winning second half. The Royals ended up making the playoffs as a wild card team.

Despite being down 7-6 going into the ninth inning of the wild card game, the Royals were able to rally to tie the game and eventually win in a thrilling 12 inning game, defeating the Oakland Athletics 9-8. The Royals would go on to sweep both the Los Angeles Angels in the American League Division Series followed by the Baltimore Orioles in the American League Championship Series, leading the team to the World Series against the San Francisco Giants. The series would go seven games with the chance to take the crown at Kauffman Stadium. The Royals would lose that game 3-2.

Following the loss, the Royals would lose starters James Shields, Billy Butler and Nori Aoki due to expiring contracts. Kansas City went out and signed Kendrys Morales and Alex Rios. Both had experience in the playoffs. The Royals would use

this to their advantage on opening day of the 2015 season, blowing out the White Sox by a score of 10-1 to begin the magic of 2015.

The Royals had their struggles throughout the season. At one point, it seemed as if the rest of Major League Baseball was out to get them, due to numerous bench clearing incidents that would result in the suspension of Kelvin Herrera and Yordano Ventura. At the All-Star Break, the Royals sat with a record of 52-34. The team still had struggles on the batting and pitching side, so they traded for Johnny Cueto and Ben Zobrist. This was the turning point of the season that led Kansas City back to the playoffs, this time as the American League Central Champion.

This year was marked by several comeback wins at crucial moments. During the 2015 postseason, the Royals scored 40 runs in the eighth inning or later. No other team in the playoffs had more than five.

In game four of the American League Division series, the Royals were down 6-2 heading into the eighth inning. If they were to lose, they would be eliminated from the playoffs. The Royals quickly rallied, scoring five runs to gain the lead. They followed by scoring 2 more runs in the ninth inning to defeat the Astros 9-6.

In the American League Championship series, the Royals would dominate in Kansas City winning all three of the games which occurred

there. In Toronto, they would lose two of the three games. The dominance in Kansas City led the Royals to the World Series.

The World Series would be a similar story, where their only loss would come in game three in New York City. The one loss caused the World Series to go five games. If they were to lose one more game, the World Series would return to Kansas City for game six. Game seven would have occurred if the Mets won game six.

The Kansas City Royals were down 2-0 going into the ninth inning of game five of the World Series. This was the Royals' final chance of clinching the World Series championship in New York. If they would lose, the series would return to Kansas City for two possible final games.

The Royals had not been able to get past Matt Harvey at all in the game. The Mets had faith, and brought Harvey back to the mound to finish the ninth inning, hoping that his success would continue. The Royals had other plans. The ninth inning started with a leadoff walk by Lorenzo Cain. Cain would steal second base while Eric Hosmer was at bat. Hosmer was able to bring Cain in to score the Royals' first run of the game with an RBI double while knocking Harvey out of the game in the process.

Moustakas moved Hosmer to third on a groundout to the right side. Salvador Perez then grounded out to David Wright and

Hosmer took off on the throw, tying the game.

The next innings to come would become a pitching battle until the Royals' offense finally erupted in the 12th. Christian Colon, in his first postseason appearance, ripped a single to knock Jarrod Dyson in for the go-ahead run. Then, Alcides Escobar lined an RBI double and Cain added a three-run double, giving the Royals a 7-2 lead.

The final three outs before the Royals won the World Series belonged to Wade Davis. Davis, as expected, held the Mets back from offensive power only allowing one of four batters to make it to base. This secured the 2015 World Series for the Kansas City Royals, bringing baseball back to life in Kansas City.

Following the win, Kansas City erupted in excitement. Fireworks were blown off like it was Independence Day. The National Weather Service's radar detected the loud noise of celebration from the Kansas City Power and Light District, mistaking it for a rain storm.

On Tuesday, thousands gathered in Downtown Kansas City to celebrate the Royals with a parade and pep rally. A sea of blue could be seen along the parade route from the Sprint Center to Union Station. Kansas City wanted to celebrate its team and show the country how the Royals brought the city together. It showed what it truly means to be a fan who suffered through so much to finally take back the crown.

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Football gears up for MIAA title shot on senior day

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This week in Bearcat football is the most important one of the season. The Bearcats have a chance to win an MIAA Championship with a victory over Emporia State this weekend.

Before the season started, this was a feat that few thought was possible for this young and inexperienced Northwest team, including head coach Adam Dorrel.

"I meant when I said that on paper, we are a 7-4 football team," Dorrel said. "You look at some of the games this year, and at what our record could be, and I go back to every one of those games that were close and we had seniors step up and make plays in those games. It's a special group."

The motto for Dorrel and his team all season has been to take it one week at a time, not look ahead and go undefeated each week. This motto has put Northwest in a position to win its eighth MIAA Championship in the last ten years.

The game won't be easy for the Bearcats as they take on the MIAA's No. 2 ranked Emporia State Hornets. The Hornets have found success behind senior quarterback Brent Wilson.

Wilson leads the MIAA in just about every passing category, including yards, completion percentage and touchdowns.

"Make no mistake about it, the No. 1 piece that they have is their quarterback," Dorrel said. "I think he's phenomenal, he's heady and he's played in this league a long time. He's an old gunslinger. He reminds me of Brett Favre a little bit. He's not afraid to take chances down the field. He'll hang in the pocket and get hit."

With Wilson at the helm, the



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior safety Kevin Berg recorded two interceptions against Missouri Western for the third consecutive game, pushing his season interception total to seven.

Hornets rank No. 1 in passing offense and No. 3 in scoring offense in the MIAA. The good news for the Bearcats is that Northwest comes into this game ranked No. 1 in passing and scoring defense in the MIAA.

Junior safety Kevin Berg said the trait that sets Wilson apart from other quarterbacks in the MIAA is his decision making.

"He's very quick under pressure and he makes the right throws," Berg said. "He's able to read the defenses very quickly. That's a huge challenge for us. We can't show (our coverage) too early. We have to put ourselves in the right position

to make those plays. Overall I think he's definitely one of the best that we have seen this far."

Berg has recorded six interceptions in the last three games, a feat that is uncanny at any level of football. Berg leads the MIAA with seven total interceptions.

The Hornets like to run a hurry-up offense, which can pose problems defensively. Dorrel said something that could help the Bearcats is if Bearcat Stadium is rocking.

"I think the thing that would be cool is to challenge our fans," Dorrel said. "I talked to our people today and it sounded like there were still quite a bit of seats left. With

what they do, up-tempo and no-huddle, if we could make Bearcat Stadium loud, I know that would be very difficult on them and it has been in the past with what they do."

Not only are the Bearcats playing for an MIAA championship this weekend, but it is also the last regular season game that the seniors of the Northwest football team will play at Bearcat Stadium.

Dorrel said the seniors have made a massive impact on this season for Northwest.

"At Northwest you get so spoiled as a coach to have so many great kids," Dorrel said. "I mean that from the bottom of my heart.

The thing that this senior class has done, and they aren't done yet, but they could find a way to win Saturday and win a conference championship ... They're special because they care about each other, they play hard, their commitment to excellence is phenomenal and their attention to detail is phenomenal."

Northwest takes on Emporia State Nov. 7 in Bearcat Stadium. Kickoff time has been moved back from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. due to the fact that the game will be broadcast live on many local television channels. Tickets already purchased for the 1 p.m. game will be honored for the 6 p.m. kickoff time.

Cross country to battle for spot at nationals

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The Bearcat cross country teams are looking forward to a chance to compete for a spot in the NCAA Division II national meet.

The Bearcats will compete in the NCAA Division II Regional Meet Saturday, Nov. 7 in Joplin. The meet comes following the MIAA championship meet last month. The men's team placed fifth overall with 120 points, while the women's team placed sixth with 168 points.

Head coach Scott Lorek says the teams are ready to put that meet behind them and focus towards the main goal of making nationals.

"We have a number of things

which we want to prove down there (Joplin)," Lorek said.

The men's team has seen a change in focus since the MIAA championship.

"We had a meeting about getting our attitudes, not boring the results, but just competing hard, just getting out there and being animals," Lorek said.

Senior Drew Keefer has seen this change in practice from the sideline.

"There has been a complete 180 turn around," Keefer said. "They had a rough weekend. They hurt, but they bounced back. Those guys are tough. It's going to take a lot more than that to knock them down all the way. I think they are looking good heading into this weekend."

During the spring, Keefer suffered from an injury which caused him to sit out his last season of NCAA eligibility on the sideline.

"It would have been nice to be in there running with them," Keefer said. "I feel like I still play a decent part helping them out on the sidelines."

Lorek says Keefer has been a leader throughout his entire time competing at Northwest. This year is no different.

"He has been out at practice with us every day," Lorek said. "He has been like an assistant coach, encouraging the guys throughout the entire season. He has been a very valuable member for us."

The women's team plans to follow the same track it has been on all

season, improving its time.

"At conference we worked very hard," junior McKenzie Christensen said. "We are at a better standing than where we were before conference. I feel like we have a lot of strength."

The increase in strength has been noticed by Lorek. He says the current state of the women's team is something special.

"They have an intensity about them that we have not had for a while," Lorek said. "That has been very good."

The level of mileage ran in practice by the girls team has reduced in effort to prepare for the meet this weekend. This will insure a competitive performance.

"We have been working really

hard," Christensen said. "We have had really hard workouts. We have been focusing. We just really want to do good and perform well."

Lorek says each team has a chance at competing for a spot at nationals.

"Our heads are in the right place," Lorek said. "We are ready to get back to competing very well like we were doing."

The top five teams will move on to the national meet. The top three individuals whose team does not qualify for nationals will also be able to participate.

Those who qualify for nationals will compete on Saturday, Nov. 21 in Joplin.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BEARCATS

SPOOFHOUNDS



Kevin Berg



The junior safety for the Northwest football team recorded two interceptions for the third consecutive game as the Bearcats took down Missouri Western 24-10 to remain undefeated.

Jackie Becker



The junior for the volleyball team recorded eight kills, two block assists, and one solo block in the Bearcats 3-0 win over Emporia State.

Dakota Beemer



The senior running back recorded 82 yards and three touchdowns as the Spoofhounds took down Lincoln College Prep 48-6 in the district playoffs.

Lydia Mitchell



The sophomore for the cross country team finished second overall in the Class 3, District 8 tournament with a time of 20:45, qualifying her for the state meet.



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PARTY LIKE IT'S 1985

Nearly 800,000 fans packed into downtown Kansas City Tuesday afternoon to celebrate the Kansas City Royals' first World Series win in 30 years.



JOSEPH ANDREWS
Chief Reporter



The Kansas City Royals won their first World Series title in 1985. Following this title, the organization would enter a dark period. 29 years after winning the World Series in 1985, the Royals returned to the World Series.

They would lose in game seven. Entering 2015, critics said a chance at the playoffs for the Royals was impossible. Thirty years later, the crown has returned.

This accomplishment marked the completion of a blueprint which was laid down when Royals owner David Glass first hired General Manager Dayton Moore in 2006. The plan was an attempt to revive the Royals back to championship form.

In the 29 years following the Kansas City's only championship, the Royals went without a single playoff appearance. During those 29 years, Kansas City experienced 20 losing seasons. Four of those seasons had over 100 losses. Administration was blamed. Within this period, the Royals were led by 13 separate managers until finding a fit in manager Ned Yost.

The Royals had talented personnel during this period. Big names such as Bo Jackson and Carlos Beltran spent time in Kansas City before moving on to clubs of larger value. The Royals did not have enough money to pay for their mon-

etary demands.

The players that stayed Royal for a long period did not particularly have talent to fit the Royal blueprint. From 2006-2010, the Royals had a Cy Young Award-winning pitcher by the name of Zack Greinke.

While Greinke's role as a pitcher varied at the beginning, he eventually worked his way into the starting pitching rotation, but there was one problem: Greinke wanted a championship right then and there.

He personally requested to be traded away. The Royals did as Greinke wished and traded him to the Milwaukee Brewers in December 2010.

In exchange, the Royals laid the foundation of the franchise's future with the addition of Alcides Escobar and Lorenzo Cain.

Alcides Escobar would start off immediately in Kansas City with three members of the 2015 Kansas City Royals- Jarrod Dyson, Alex Gordon and Luke Hochevar. That season, the team finished with a record of 71-91.

Lorenzo Cain would spend his 2011 season as a member the Omaha Stormchasers. The Stormchasers are the Triple-A affiliate for the Kansas City Royals. As a Stormchaser, Cain joined eight members of the 2015 Kansas City Royals roster: Jarrod Dyson, Eric Hosmer, Mike Moustakas, Paulo Orlando, Salvador Perez, Danny Duffy, Kelvin Herrera and Greg Holland. Together, they would earn the first of many conference and division championships within the Triple-A ranks.



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